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In Re Continuation Application of:

Applicants : Constantine J. Tsikos; et al.
Application No.: 09/990,585
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Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER ACCOMPANYING THE FILING OF A
CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under C.F.R. 1.53(b) of Application No. 09/990,585 entitled "PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION AND IMAGING (PLIIM) SYSTEMS WITH INTEGRATED DESPECKLING MECHANISMS PROVIDED THEREIN" filed on November 21, 2001.

Under 35 USC Section 120, Applicants hereby claim priority to the earlier filing dates of the following co-pending United States Patent Applications: Application No. 09/990,585 filed November 21, 2001; Application Serial No. 09/999,687 filed October 31, 2001; Application Serial No. 09/954,477 filed September 17, 2001; Application Serial No. 09/883,130 filed June 15, 2001, which is a Continuation-in-Part of Application Serial No. 09/781,665 filed February 12, 2001; Application Serial No. 09/780,027 filed February 9, 2001; Application Serial No. 09/721,885 filed November 24, 2000; Application Serial No. 09/327,756 filed June 7, 1999; and International Application Serial No. PCT/US00/15624 filed June 7, 2000, published as WIPO WO 00/75856 A1; each said application being commonly owned by Assignee, Metrologic Instruments, Inc., of Blackwood, New Jersey, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Enclosed is a true copy of Prior Application Serial No. 09/990,585 as originally filed and a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) verifying it.

Please amend said prior application in accordance with the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith.

The list of inventors has been amended to only include C. Harry Knowles, Sankar Ghosh, Shawn Defoney, Edward Skypala, and Mark C. Schmidt. A Request For Amendment Of Inventorship Of Under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) is filed herewith.

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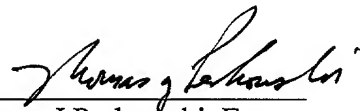
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